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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64266

Nobufumi MORI, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2861

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Examiner: Hai Chi Pham

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For: LIGHT AND THERMAL ENERGY IMAGE-RECORDING APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 and 21 remain pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.